

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached replacement drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 5. This replacement drawing sheet replaces the original drawing sheet that included Figure 5. Applicants respectfully note that the replacement drawing sheet is being submitted so that Figure 5 more closely follows the description of Figure 5 included within the specification of the patent application. Applicants believe that the amendments to Figure 5 do not add new matter to the patent application.

Attachment: 1 Replacement Drawing Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 1-22. Applicants respectfully note that on September 22, 2008, Examiner Thanhnga B. Truong and Applicants' representative, Thomas M. Catale, had a telephone conversation. During the telephone conversation, Mr. Catale authorized Examiner Truong to cancel Claim 23 as an examiner's amendment. As such, Claims 1-22 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the remarks set forth herein.

Oath/Declaration

The Office communication mailed on October 15, 2008, included an "Interview Summary". The "Interview Summary" states that on October 1, 2008, Examiner Thanhnga B. Truong and Applicants' representative, Thomas M. Catale, had a telephone conversation. Regarding the substance of the interview, the "Interview Summary" states the following:

Examiner has informed applicant of the missing information in Oath or Declaration filed on November 20, 2003. The applicant is required to send in a supplemental Oath or Declaration to include all Inventors' signatures and as well as their residence information.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit concurrently Oath/Declaration documents, which include the signatures of the inventors along with their residence information when the documents were signed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that pending Claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance and that action is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number: 50-4160.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: DEC. 29, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas M. Catale', is written over a horizontal line.

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